

She-"Do you have any trouble keep-

He-"No, I'm married to her."-Ally

Same as Now

Reassuring

A Thoughtful Kld,

"Then why don't you go to her?"

Saving Himself,

At the Tea Table.

Mother (patiently)-"Yes, Bobby."

Bobby (triumphantly, placing his

hand over the top of the sugar bowl)-

Early Training.

"Hurrah! I've got Him."-Judge:

Bobby-"Is God everywhere?"

Bobby-"Is He in the tea pot?"

Wise-"In self-defense."

Jenks-"In self-defense?"

Standard and Times.

God was everywhere."

mother calling you?"

"Course I did,"

turbed your pa and ma at dinner?"

bird, "on advice of counsel."

ing your servant?"

Sloper.

parrot.

World,

Press,

rem's?"

ves."

I to deny its existence because I have no sight? Are you justified, then, in declaring that we are not menaced by this disaster which is to overwhelm us because you have not my faculty of precision? You who cannot deny the prescience of a bee, the presentiment of coming storm to cattle, tell me that my conviction is nothing. It is only by conviction that we live, What saves us from destruction but the conviction that by stepping into an abyss, we must fall? I tell you to look about you; you are on the edge of an abyss. There are signs to strike the dullest intelligence. Your turn will come!"

I had hung my watch in the pocket upon the hanging at the head of the bed; its lively ticking sounded strangely out of keeping with the gloom and stillness of the surroundings. The shaded light gave a funeral aspect to the bed hanging; the baldaquin over my head might have been a catafalque for the dead. I wondered how many men had ended their days on this bed since those hangings had been put up. Would Van Hoeck's presentiment be fulfilled? Should I be found there in the morning dead?

It was well suited for a murder, that bed, with its pall-like hangings to conceal the lurking murderer.

Tic-tac, tic-tac, tie-tac, tic-tac, tictae.

My ear had become so familiar to the brisk movement of my watch that the slightest sound was audible above it. And a sound slight, indeed, I heard. To my mind, dwelling then upon assassing, it sounded like the drawing of a dagger from its sheath.

Turning my head toward the side from which the sound proceeded, I fancied I saw the heavy curtain move; it was between me and the lamn. The movement was as slight as the sound. if it was a fact that I heard one, it was a fact that I saw the other.

I drew myself up gradually, and, leaning forward, I suddenly flung back the curtain with my left hand. There was no resistance to my hand; nothing to be seen beyond but the lamp burning steadily on the table, the saddle-back chair and the dim outline of the big chimney piece.

I got upon my knees and pushed the curtain flat against the wall, to be sure that there could by no possibility be any one concealed in the heavy folds-to assure myself that my suspicion was utterly without foundation.

The end of the room was comparatively light, and the saddle-back chair was so placed as to preclude the possibility of any one hiding beyond it.

If the curtain had indeed moved, it must have been by a hand from under the bed. It was easy to believe that I had been mistaken in seeing the slight movement than to suppose that I had overlooked a concealed thief when I looked under the bed to satisfy Von Hoeck; so I let the curtain fall and lay down again.

My thoughts still dwelt upon the idea

in terrifying her, he had sped down the stairs in the left block, passed through the library and dining-room, and ascended by the stairs in the right block about the same time that I might be supposed to have reached Edith's room, and that, reckoning upon my keeping the Great Hesper under my pillow, and leaving it there in my alarm upon Edith's account, he had expected to have possessed himself of our treasure. If what I thus assumed was the fact, then, indeed, this plan might have succeeded but for Van Hoeck's prudent insistence upon my strapping the diamond to my wrist.

As I thus explained what had happened, a more startling reflection occurred to my mind. The thief had been disappointed in not finding the diamond beneath my pillow, but he yet might not have relinquished the hope of getting it.

He might not have left the room. He might be hidden there at that very moment.

What was more easy, being in the room, than to conceal himself in it? The curtain that masked the oriel, the great chest, the settle, the press, were all suggestive of that course. The fellow might be under the very bed I was lying upon!

The movement I had seen in the curtain, the sound similar to the drawing of a blade from its sheath (which might well have been caused by the movement of the heavy valance of the bed), strengthened the suspicion. Was he lying there waiting for the sound of my heavy beathing to assure him that

I slept? There was scarcely the necessity to wait for that, for what resistance could I, lying upon my back, make against a foe springing out of the lark upon me?

I thought of the claspknife Van Hoeck had given me, and, stretching out my hand. I felt for it where I had stuck li-between the mattress and the bedstead. I could not find it.

Pushing back the curtains so that the light from the lamp fell upon the edge of the bedstead, I assured myself that it was not where I had left it. It must have slipped through-or been drawn out.

The latter supposition explained the sound and movement I had heard and seen. Yet it might have made that sound in slipping through-its fall upon the floor deadened by the carpet or its point sticking in the boards, but I fancied its horn handle was too wide to allow of its slipping through,

To satisfy myself at once upon this point I leaped out of bed, resolved to strike a match and look under the valance. I stood for a moment stupefied; the box of vestas was gone from the table where I was certain I had laid them.

They must have been taken while I lay screened by the bed curtains. . I glanced or .- - shouldes The folds of the curtain against the

bed were not the same as when I him, a terrible peril for me.

assistance could come, before the door could be burst, all would be over. Probably my foe was already approaching me; my cry would be the

signal for him to spring upon me. No, my only chance of escape was in maintaining silence and keeping him in ignorance of my position. If accident brought us into contact, I trusted to my physical strength and good luck to be a match for him and his knife in the subsequent struggle. The diamond buckled to my wrist might serve me in the fight; I might stun the fellow with it if fortune only favored my arm.

It was a duel between us, and, any way, I would sell my life dearly, With this resolve, I drew away from the door toward that part of the room where, as I fancied, the carved press

stood. I kept my arms free, my body crouched together and every muscle tense and ready. I backed a few feet from the door. and then I stopped, as the reflection

crossed my mind that I might be backing toward my adversary. Then I regretted that I had left the door, where at least I might have stood safe from a rear attack.

I could hear nothing but the throbbing of the blood in my temples and the tic-tac, tic-tac, tic-tac, tic-tac, tictac of my watch behind me, yet I

knew that the murderer must be moving. He had his work to do, and must have made up his mind how to do it before putting out the light. I could see nothing, and the silence and darkness were horrible, with the possibili-

ty of his falling upon me from behind. Yet, how was I to guard against that attack, not knowing where he was? Possibly his visual power was stronger than mine.

I knew by the ticking of my watch that the bed was somewhere behind me, and that I ought to be facing the oriel; and as I strained my eyes to catch any rays of light that might exist, I fancied I detected a dim gray seam in the blackness before me-pos-

sibly the curtains masking the oriel were slightly parted. As I continued to stare in that direction. I became convinced that this was

the fact, and, slight though the assurance was, it gave me some feeling of security; in that direction I might know of my foe's approach. And, we anaugh of that your -. ment the

gray seam was blocked out. He was there, between me and the oriel. My first impulse was to end the terrible suspense, and spring forward upon him; but prudence checked me. He might be close to me, or he might be close to the oriel-it was impossible for me to tell merely by the absence of a faint light. If, in springing forward, he would have me at his mercy, and a short death was the only kind of mercy I had to expect. Again, what feeble light there was must fall upon me, as I faced it-an advantage for

These two tables serve to point out some of the differences that should exist between the diets of the active and the sedentary classes. With the brain worker meat should

possible rasner of bacon at breakfast | made to go much further, and a better be expected, says the Chicago Tribune. Milk, eggs, fish, fruit in abundance, with light, dry porous bread should be staples.

-Men working as stokers, furnace men in rolling mills, foundrymen and the like are subject to tremendous heat. Thirst is aroused and too often beer is used to quench it instead of water, or; preferably, oatmeal. Any form of alcohol used under these circumstances means the shortening of the life of the drinker.

The utilization of grazing crops for In many cases where a person eating meats and vegetables at the same meal suffers from the combination, he may find relief from stomach disorders by making his meal of meat one day and the next meal of vegetables wholly .-

The Value of Eye-Teeth.

It is a mighty nice thing to have your eye-teeth cut-to be "on to the ropes"-to be "wise." About a year ago the editor of this paper felt in a jocular mood and answered an investment broker's advertisement in an Eastern magazine. We expected some bond or manufacturing proposition, and felt hurt and indignant upon learn-"No," replied Tommy, "we were just ing that we were expected to put money into a gold mine. They had evidently mistaken us for a fresh one.

coming, urging us to take a little stock in the Blank Mining Company "Bound to be one of the best money-making propositions in the United States," etc, Circulars with cuts showing the

incidentally figuring on the money we could make by investing \$1000 in the valuation which the producers "knew"

stock advanced from fifteen cents to foul and waste. Feed oftener and \$14 per share. It is a little painful to think that if we had invested that \$1000 instead of just figuring it, we Mother (embarrassed)-"Why-why, would have been some \$90,000 ahead, covered floor just because it is chickens South than at the North. but, really, what could a man who is or other poultry. Bobby-"Is He in the sugar bowl?" "wise" need with that much money?-

Mother (frantically)-"Yes! I told you | Granite (Okla.) Enterprise,

The Independent Shaver.

Two barbers were disengaged when

Some grain should be fed to the hogs on grazing crops-one to three pounds per day, depending on the age and size of the animals. An ear or two of corn will often be all that is necessary. By be eaten but once a day unless the using grazing crops the corn can be

quality of pork obtained at a lower cost

per pound. Hogs kept on grazing

crops are under the very best sanitary

The several areas should not be kept

in the same crop from year to year, but

equilibrium in the soil food supply

Feed Foultry Cowpeas.

try clover is largely used as pouitry

worms, and other animal food.

In the northern section of the coun-

land and the crop season.

Blacksburg.

It has been found possible to control drifting sand by vegetation, and valuable results have been secured in covering railroad embankments and cuts with plant growth.

tion have been worked out. Several

spineless varieties of cactus have been

introduced from Mexico, the value of

this plant as a forage crop having been

demonstrated.

condition. The plan suggested will Cowpeas, soy beans and new varieprovide grazing for twenty-five to fifty ties of sorghum have all been effectivehogs, depending on the character of the ly studied and their growth extended, Several new varieties have been studied, and their value for hay and pleasure demonstrated. A number of a rotation should be practiced that will wild grasses have been introduced into enable a variety of crops to be grown cultivation.

on the land, and so preserve an As a winte ' pasture and forage for the South the hairy vetch has assumed importance. A cheap and complete pork production is a matter worthy of method of eradicating Johnson grass, the most serious attention of our farmwhich is probably the worst weed in ers .- Andrew M. Soule, Dean and Dithe United States, has been worked rector Virginia Experiment Station,

Wheat For Hogs.

Some very good results have been reported from feeding young pigs on wheat mixed with a little corn, increasfeed. Poultry supply houses furnish ing the corn as the pigs grow. The clover hay cut into very short lengths corn, of course, predominates during or ground into meal. In either of these the final fattening period. We have latter forms it is mixed with soft feed | known cases where farmers fed young and warm water. Whole clover hay pigs still with the sow, on soaked is also frequently placed where poultry wheat during weaning with excellent can eat it freely. It is so bulky that a gains. It would be difficult to flud a fowl will not injure itself by over eatbetter food for young pigs and shoats ing, yet clover is so nutritions that it than two parts (by weight) of wheaf, makes a very cheap poultry feed. Betwo parts of corn, and one part of ing rich in protein. It produces rapid shorts, or equal parts of . all three. growth and many eggs. To a large ex- These mixtures, if fed judiciously, will tent it will take the place of bugs. prove more satisfactory than wheat alone, though hogs on clover pasture have been fed whole wheat dry with-

Along the Gulf Coast most clovers are not grown in such abundance that out injury and made gains of something like fourteen pounds per bushel they can be ecquemically secured for even poultry food. It is to be hoped of wheat, that alfalts may soon prove an ex-

In feeding whole wheat either dry ception among the clovers in this reor soaked, to pigs there is danger that spect, For the present, however, and considerable will pass through the anprobably for much of the future, cow. Imals undigested. When pigs are alpeas may advantageously be substitut. lowed to bolt the food the wheat is not sufficiently chewed. Ground wheat may be mixed with corn and shorts and made into slop. Some have taken The idea should not obtain that food the trouble to grind and then soak the wheat for hogs, and we are of the opinany more than it is suitable for other ion that it pays when judiciously fed. There is perhaps no better way of kinds of stock. If it is desired to make a real test of cowpea hay as poultry disposing of wheat that has been damaged, thereby being rendered unsalable, or when prices are low, than by feed-

Bath Tub For Hogs.

The Oklahoma Farmer prints a demake observations from time to time. scription of such a convenience which Do not imagine for a minute that the would be even more useful in the hay should be thrown on a manure

I'saw recently on the farm of one of It will be found that chickens will the large hog raisers of Southeastern eat the small branches and leaves of lows a cement wallow that was about the hay, leaving nothing except the one foot deep and six or seven feet hard, stiff stems. The general health square. This is filled with water from of the flock will be excellent. The an underground pipe leading from a combs of both sexes will be so fresh tank on a bill and is emptied into a chairs ready, but the newcomer dodged and of such a bright red that no one tile drain by removing a plug at the can fall to see these indications of good bottom. This was done about every

Robinson Crusoe was talking to the New York Evening World. "Polly want a cracker?" he asked. "I refuse to answer," replied the Thus we see that the parrot was not as green as he looked .- New York "Well, Tommy," said Spawnger, who had just called, "hope I haven't dis-

goin' to set down, but pa seen you from the winder . .d he told me not to have dinner till you went." - Philadelphia For several weeks letters continued

"Harry, did you not hear your ore in huge stacks and millions "in

sight" never fazed us. We remember "She's nervous, If I should go too quick she'd drop dead," and Harry went on with his playing as if nothing fifteen-cent stock, if the increase in disturbed his mind,-Albany Journal,

ed for clover. If cowpea hay has been was coming materialized-but we only harvesied and properly cured, it is in figured. We felt that what money we Jenks-"Why on earth did you laugh had to throw away should be shied a condition to be used for this purpose. so heartily at that ancient jest of Boat preachers and orphans. And the In poor condition is suitable for poultry

investment brokers finally caught on that we were "next," and quit sending us their literature, and in the rush Wise-"Yes; if I hadn't laughed so he of money-making, friends and a repuwould have repeated the thing, think- tation we forgot the whole business, food have the hay first-class and let ing I hadn't seen the point."-Catholic But how strange things do turn out. the chickens have all the hay they By some hook or crook gold was struck | can eat. Do not let them have access | ing it to young swine. in the Blank diggin's, and the price of to large quantities to scratch over, be-

ment. There were eight or ten ser- vants in the house, and undoubtedly every one of them knew of the mar- velous treasure in my keeping. They would tell their friends in the adjacent village, the keepers, the tradespeople- in a few days the story would be car-	at the upper end of the room, and guided still by the ticking of my watch, I drew back with the stealthy caution of a cat. Suddenly 1 saw the gray seam of light again. Had he gone to the right or left? I knew not. Quickly I stretched my foot out behind me; I felt something, and for the instant I thought I had touched the fellow, but,	"He is certainly a bouncing baby boy." "Yes, and his mother hopes some day he may go to college and make a name for himself on the gridiron." "You don't say. Is she teaching him to stand hard knocks already?" "Yes, she grabs him by the wrist and pulls him through every bargain rush they have downtown."-Detroit Tribune.	"I need a shave all right," he said to the proprietor, "but I want to shave myself. Can you accommodate me here?" "Certainly," said the proprietor, "but I'll charge you the same as if one of my men shaved you." "That's all right," said the man.	health. It will not be long before the number of eggs that are found in the nests will begin to tell the story of what the cowpea hay has done. This feed will also help make good egg shells and during breeding season will impart such vigor to the males that young will be hatched that have an abundance of vitality. Many of us who are not past middle three days, and the tank was disin- fected with crude carbolic acid. It may seem ridiculous to some peo- ple to provide a bath tub for hogs, but it pays every time, because clean water helps to insure good health. It is true that the hog is a non-sweating animal and that in order to cool himself he re- sorts to mud and water, when he can- not get clean water only.	
and was there none among them whose cupidity might take practical form? It was quite possible that un- der this very roof there was one with the ingenuity and daring to plan and execute the robbery. A servant inti- mately acquainted with the arrange- ment of the rooms and the peculiarities of the building would probably know of the external means of communica tion between the bay and the oriel windows. Without this knowledge no one, it seemed to me would dars to	forward, I encountered the cold wood- work of the bedstead. It was one of carved pillars. I drew myself up and got my back against it. Now, at least, that dreaded stab in the back was less probable. To be continued. "Young Spenderly has been flying high since the death of his million-	"Why don't you tell him to prove it?"	A tonsorial outfit was speedily pro- duced and the self-sufficient individual set to work. "Is'nt that a new wrinkle?" asked	Success never comes to a man who is afraid to face failure. You can't always tell what is in a man by trying to pump him. The skin deep beauty of a girl may be good for a marriage license. His satanic majesty will 'trust any man who is good at making excuses. Many a man would act otherwise	Reflections of a Batchelor. It would be easy to get rich if it was as useful as the smallpox. A girl wouldn't know half so much of the things that she oughtn't to if her mother didn't try to have her know less. When one girl meets another she invariably repeats the conversation she had with the last two young men she met.